ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-First Annual Session

OF THE

NEWTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Union Church, Alabama,

OCTOBER, 10, 11 AND 12, 1896.

OFFICERS:

R. DEAL, - - - -	Moderator.
W. H. SIMMONS, - - - -	Clerk.
J. W. DICKINSON, - - -	Treasurer.

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Minutes.

The Newton Baptist Association met with Union Baptist church at Ozark, Ala. October 10th, 1896.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. L. Martin. Text: "Let thy work appear unto thy servants" 90 Psalm 16 verse.

At 2 o'clock the Association was called to order by Rev. R. Deal. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Wm. J. Martin of Abbeville.

Letters from the churches composing the Association were read by Rev. J. W. Dickinson and Hon. J. G. Harris.

These churches were represented as follows:

Bethel—J. L. Murphy.

Charlton—J. Matt Williams, D. McFadden, W. S. Sammons and W W. Falkner.

Chalk Head—W. T. Brown and T. J. Parker.

Cedar Grove—E. S. Hathorn and Henry Brackin.

Daleville—P. Kirkland, S. C. D. Brown and T. L. Latimer.

Elam—J. R. Pelham, Walter Andrews, Sollie Wilks and J. D. Phillips.

Enon—H. J. Beverett and J. B. F. Childree.

Midland City—R. Herring and R. A. Wiggins.

Mt. Pisgah—B. M. Balkum, U. W. Balkum and J. A. Howell.

Mt. Zion—J. B. Parmer and T. B. Stern.

Newton—S. J. Chapman, P. M. Callaway, sr. R. L. Jones and B. T. Jones.

New Hope—C. C. Covington, J. W. Alexander and J. I. Covington.

Pleasant Hill—Archie Lloyd and Stephen Matthews.

Penial—R. B. Arnold and Charlie Mizell.

Providence—Jesse Pouncey, Henry Thomas and J. F. Pouncey.

Pleasant Ridge—W. T. Ward, J. C. Brown, A. J. Bryan and E. Flowers.

Salem—John York, W. F. Clements and John H. Watson.

Spring Field—J. L. Davis and E. D. Adams.

Spring Hill—J. M. Reader, J. W. Davis and R. E. Williams.

Summer Hill—B. I. Smith and Peter Peacock.

Union—R. Deal, J. W. Dickinson, W. H. Simmons, J. W. Pippin, W. G. Matthews and H. H. Blackman.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Dickinson, the rules were suspended and Rev. R. Deal was elected Moderator of the Association, and on

motion of S. J. Chapman, W. H. Simmons Clerk, and Rev. J. W. Dickinson was elected Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for, and the church at Pinckard brought in a letter, sent by brethren J. S. Helms and W. H. Dubose, and on motion of W. H. Simmons, they were received into the fellowship of the Association.

Call for correspondence from other Associations and other institutions of the Baptist denominations. The following brethren reponded. Rev. W. H. Hobson, Agent of Howard College, Major J. G. Harris, Editor of the "Alabama Baptist."

Correspondence from the Judson Association, Revs. A. L. Martin, Wm. J. Martin, A. J. Preston and Bro. Armstead Armstrong.

From Geneva, G. J. Canant. From Salem, Rev. D. C. Allen. From Haw Ridge, J. W. Roe, and E. F. King. Bro. W. C. Bledsoe, corresponding Secretary of the State Board was present.

On motion of J. W. Dickinson, a committee on the order of business was appointed.

A committee on Divine Service, consisting of S. S. Pippin and J. F. Pouncey, together with the delegates of Union church was appointed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Called to order by former Moderator. 2. Introductory Sermon. 3. Enrollment of delegates. 4. Election of officers. 5. Call for Petitionary Letters. 6. Receive correspondents and visitors. 7. Appoint correspondents. 8. Appoint special committees. 1. Devotional. 2. Nominations. 3. Documents. 4. Deceased Ministers and Deacons. 9. Miscellaneous business. 10. Reports of standing committees. (1.) Missions, State Home, Foreign. 2. Sabbath Schools. 3. Education. 4. Orphan's Home. 5 Temperance. 6 Indigent ministers. 7 Executive committee. 8 Treasurer. 9 Denominational literature. 11 Reports of special commit committees, 12 Appointment of standing committees. 13 Election of Executive Committee. 14 Miscellaneous business. Adjournment. Adopted.

Committee on Divine Service report the selection of Rev A J Preston to preach to-night at 7 o'clock. Adopted. Reconsidered and a regular session after a half hours devotional exercises at 7 o'clock to-night.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Major J G Harris conducted the devotional service, after which Bro W A Hobson presented the claims of Howard College, and took up a collection amounting in cash and subscription to something over $170.00.

Sunday at 9:30 a m body called to order by Moderator. No report on Sabbath Schools being presented, Bro W J Martin being called on to open the discussion on the subject and did so, and was followed by brethren W C Bledsoe, B T Jones, A J Preston, W W Faulkner and J F Pouncey.

The following cammittees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Nominations—S J Chapman, J S Helms and Edward Flowers.

On Documents—P M Callaway jr. J W Pippin and U W Balkum.

On Finance—J F Pouncey, J Matt Williams and B M Balkum.

At 11 o'clock a m preaching at the Baptist church by Dr W C Bledsoe, and at the Methodist church by Rev W A Hobson.

At 3 o'clock p m the resolution on Sabbath Schools was taken up and discussed by H H Blackman, W W Faulkner, A J Preston and J W Dickinson and adopted.

The B Y P U was discussed by Rev W A Hobson.

Preaching at 7:30 p m at Baptist church by A J Preston ; Methodist church by R B Arnold.

A collection of $25.00 was taken for Midland City church and turned over to Rev R Harring.

Monday morning October 12th, at 8:30 the Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Rev D C Allen.

The report on Missions was submitted, and after being discussed by Revs J W Dickinson, A J Preston, Hon W W Morris, R Deal, W H Simmons, R Harring, and W J Martin, was adopted. See appendix "D."

Resolution in connection with the report offered by W H Simmons as follows :

Resolved, That we make an earnest effort to release our preachers from secular employment, so that they may give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word.

2 That we raise a fund for the purpose of aiding weak churches.

3 That the Executive Committee aid weak churches with the following understanding (1) The church shall pledge a stipulated amount for the support of pastor, (2) The church itself shall take monthly collections for our denominational enterprises, (3) The pastor shall give at least one fourth of his time to the work of the ministry for each of the churches he serves.

Resolution offered by Rev J W Dickinson (per request) of Hon W W Morris as follows :

Resolved, That the Newton Association recommend to the State Board to remove the high salary Evangelists which eat up the Missions that ought to go direct to the cause, and supplement their work by the Secretary writing stirring letters to the various pastors in the State. Tabled by unanimous vote.

Report on Temperance read and adopted. Also a resolution in connection therewith offered by S J Chapman, adopted.

Report on Orphan's Home read by W H Simmons and adopted. See appendix "F."

Report on Documents submitted and adopted. See appendix "B."

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Education—H. L Martin, Prof R C Connor and W G Matthews.
On State Missions—W P Windham, B M Balkum and B T Jones.
Home Missions—W W Morris, P Kirkland and S C D Brown.
On Sunday Schools—J F Pouncey, J W Pippin and R L Jones.
Orphans Home—H H Blackman, W F Clements and P M Callaway jr.
On Temperance—W W Faulkner, R F Harper and O C Doster.
Foreign Missions—J W Dickinson, R Herring and Levi Wilkinson.

Report on Nominations received and adopted. See appendix "C."

It is ordered that the moneys contributed to Rev C S Pelham be turned over to him by the Treasurer immediately.

Report of Rev C S Pelham, Colporteur for Newton and Haw Ridge Associations discussed by brethren W W Morris, H L Martin, A J

Preston and W W Faulkner. Adopted. See appendix "E."

Bro S J Chapman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That we the delegates of this Association hereby tender our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters of this church and the city for their hospitality, also the Presbyterian and Methodist churches for the use of their church houses. S J CHAPMAN.

Report of special committee as to Rev C S Pelham by Revs J W Dickinson and W W Faulkner.

Resolved 1 That Bro Pelham be continued as Colporteur, 2 That we suppliment Bro Pelham's income with ten dollars per month and allow him to work when and where he pleases, 3 That this amount be apportioned among the churches. J W DICKINSON.
W W FAULKNER.

Resolved, That the Haw Ridge Association be requested to co-operate with us in the employment of Bro C S Pelham.

Resolved, That the Clerk be paid $10.00 for his services, and the remainder of the Minute money be paid for publication of the Minutes.

Report of Finance Committee. See appendix "H."

The Association then adjourned to meet with Providence church on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1897.

R. DEAL,
Moderator.

W H SIMMONS,
Clerk.

APPENDIXES.

TO THE NEWTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—GREETING.

APPENDIX A.—Your committee on Temperance, respectfully submit the following report.

In view of the fact, that at each assembly of this Association, a committee is appointed on Temperance, it is evident that the question will not dowu. The principles of righteousness are not to be ignored, and forbid government to make a merchandise of what is injurious to human life, morals and temporal prosperity.

If the sale of intoxicants as a beverage, cause these evils, it is a national sin to give license to it, and make revenue from it to support government. The prohibition issue is more important than those of tariff, gold and silver or currency, and all the other national questions put together. We want to keep up no political party on this issue; we just want to put down the saloon and make an end to it.

All the erudite divines in christendom cannot convince the medical faculty, that it is anything but evil for one in health to use stimulants, for they injure the health. Thus, their use then, is a breach of the 6th commandment. Their use, again, is a facinating habit that increases, and destroys the power of the will in most constitutions and demoralizes its victims. This is the observation of all good men. Total abstainers are free from this stare.

Then we need not report the twice told tale of the cost, both direct and indirect of this iniquitous traffic that is the cause of most of the poverty in the land, and the expenses of our criminal courts, prisons and almshouses. Those who drink, and do not get along, are stealing from those who do not drink, and this is not equitable, and is a breach of the 8th commandment.

The rum seller must be put down, and all the divines that uphold him will be obliged to sing another song, or the practical American will silence them altogether.

We are proud to note, that the consumption of spirituous liquors has decreased to a remarkable degree within the last quarter of a century, in proportion to the increase of population.

Our new industrial forces and systems are the compelling influences in this reform. Railroads, for example, now make sobriety obligatory upon their employees. So that an intemperate man can no longer obtain a railroad position. The same is true with respect to all great factories, founderies, mills, electric work, buildings and machinery

shops. Men who are but moderate drinkers, are debarred from positions of trust in any of these trades. Even the elevated lines and trolly car companies have recently decided that they will employ men of the strictest sobriety. Intemperance is becoming more and more every day, a distinct barrier to success. Not only the man of drinking habits, but the moderate tippler finds himself outstripped by the man of strict sobriety. Is it not a very significant fact, that the managers of the greatest liquor trust in America, recently adopted an iron clad rule, to employ none but strictly temperate men.

Depend upon it, the young man who to-day, absolutely abstains from all sorts of alcoholic beverages, will be the successful man of to-morrow.

It has been recently said by a great conservative statesman, and no crank, "that the liquor saloon destroys eighty thousand youths annually, sending them to untimely graves. This fearful slaughter is effected through agencies authorized by a nation of people classed as (christians). The public conscience is seared in indifference in the presence of eighty thousand homes thus draped in sorrow and shame; it deems worthless, the loss to the nation's wealth that these thousands of produders, whose lives, if spared, and allowing $100 each, as capitalization show an annual producing loss to the public of eighty million dollars. But this money is not the prime item in the catalogue of loss. The fact that the political ballot of the church of God, is on record. saying "well done" to this slaughter, in consideration of money payment by the slayers ; registers a degree of sin that human language is powerless to portray. Though the church of God may boastfully display her machinery and material power, yet we fear this sin that her members through their citizenship, abet and keep alive, declares in thunder tones and beyond denial, that she is wanting in the spirit of God, and is content with the sham and pretense of righteousness, while at heart, she is weak and cowardly, and her hands stained with guilt. So long as so-called christians ballots, approbate the saloon system, the church cannot hope to have prevailing power with God, in her fight with evil. She is spiritually unfitted to live the pure gospel of Christ, and is a sinner before men, and in the eyes of Heaven. God demands that a christian carry his religion into every relation of life, and in this hour, no relation is more important that the political. It is only in, and by and through politics, that the devil, at this day, is making a stand and fortifying himself in civil law to discredit christianity, by secularizing the Sabbath, debauching the home, and diminishing the moral forces of the country. It is said that Satan has captured thousands of preachers and laymen, with this threadbear device of his. "Don't mix politics with religion." To puncture that sophism, we ask those elect, but deceived ones. Should not a man carry his religion into his politics? If that is untrue, then church ballots have a Godly right to back the saloon and endorse its wickedness. If that proposition is true, that the christian ballot that helps to establish the saloon system in the bosom of society, is an enemy of God and of human good.

Money greed and political party greed for power, are riding rough

shod over all godliness, in both our civil and social life.

Men would have Christ to rule over, and be with them at church on Sunday, but scout the idea that He has any right to rule over, and be with them at the ballot box on Monday. It is just here that christianity is making a failure in this day. God would have it otherwise, but the church vote being apostate in its political duty toward the saloon, is a party to the crucifixion of Christ. Thus the church ballot has aided to help enthrone the devil as a ruling power in American politics.

We respectfully admonish all our Divines and Laymen, to seek the aid of statesmen and patriots, to renovate the age, by impressing the minds of the people with this great importance of inculcating a healthy public moral sentiment against the saloon, and all intoxicating drinks as a beverage. We would further modestly suggest, that the pastors of the churches composing this Association preach, or lecture at least four times a year, upon the subject of Temperance ; and that evil and damning influences attendant even upon the moderate use of intoxicating liquors, be denounced, in the most severe terms, also their members, who directly, or indirectly aid the sale, or use of liquor or intoxicating drinks to excess, by drinking, signing whiskey petitions, for the sale of the same, or by selling it themselves, renting houses to others for the sale of the same, or in any manner aiding or abetting the vending thereof. And further, that this Association, at its present session, adopt some suitable resolution, manifesting its contempt for any church or churches belonging to this Association, that will hereafter tolerate any member, or members of any such church in the abusive use of intoxicating drinks, or who shall aid or abet, in any way, the sale of the same. That if any church, or churches shall fail to deal with, and expel such member or members, for such conduct, it will be good cause for expelling such church or churches from this Association. We pray God, that the day will soon dawn, when this nation will become christianized, and fully temperate in all things, and especially that it be admonished by the proverb of the wise man, in these words. "Wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby, is not wise."

Be it resolved by this Association, 1st, That any church or churches, belonging to this Association, that shall tolerate in any of members, the practice of habitual whiskey drinking as a beverage, frequenting bar-rooms for the purpose of drinking, or getting drunk, or who shall sign whiskey selling petitions, or knowingly rent houses in which the sale of intovicating liquors are to be sold, or who shall otherwise aid, or abet in the sale there thereof, shall stand excluded from this Association. Adopted.

A resolution was adopted that H H Blackman, or the Clerk furnish the Alabama Baptist with a copy of the report on Temperance.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. H. Blackman, Chairman.

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS.

According to authentic report of Commissioner Mills, in the year 1891, there were commerced 91,157,566 gallons spirits, and 977,497,761

gallons malt liquor, money invested in this vile stuff was $1,200,000,000.

Again it will be seen from the report of the same author, Commissioner Mills in 1892, that the patrons of saloons paid $609,000,000 for whiskey, and $617,258,460 for beer, a total cost of $1,216,259,461. The interest on this sum for 1 minute at 6 per cent $1,208.78, for one year it is $62,975,567.66. What would such mammoth sums of money accomplish for the Lord's kingdom, if the still worm were destroyed, and all this vast capital was employed in procuring honest laborers for the Master, the world would soon be revolutionized.

H H Blackman, Chairman.

Appendix B.—We your committee on Documents find invitation from Providence church, (Clayhatchee) requesting the next session of this body to convene with them on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1897, also Spring Hill church asks that the Articles of the Baptist Faith be inserted in our Minutes.

We recommend that this body accept the above invitation from Providence church, and also that this body grant the request of Spring Hill church, asking that the Articles of the Baptist Faith be printed in our Minutes. Adopted.

P M Callaway, Jr.
J W Pippin.

Appendix C.—We your committee on Nominations respectfully submit the following as our report.

We nominate to preach our next annual introductory sermon, Bro P M Callaway Jr. alternate Bro B C Deal.

We nominate as our Executive Committee, W W Morris, J C Brown, J F Pouncey, J E James and B T Jones.

We nominate as our delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, Bro J W Dickinson, alternate R Deal.

We nominate as our delegates to the State Baptist Convention, J W Simmons, S S Pippin, J M Poyner, D McFadden and H L Martin.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S J Chapman,
J S. Helms,
Edward Flowers.

Appendix D.—This is our short report on Missions. We begin with the first great command to go, saying: "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth, go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved; how then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they hear without a preacher?

The apostles were first sent out by Christ and then Barnabas and Paul by the church to preach the glorious gospel of the kingdom to heathens or Gentiles or to all that had not heard the gospel. Dear brethren, let us make one united prayer to God for all those that

have not the gospel of our Lord and Savior and make every effort that lies within us for the advancement of the Master's cause at home, and in far off lands, and let us return to the work as Christ did it, visit the sick, feed the hungry, minister to those that are in prison, especially for those in Satan's prisons. Brethren we should remember that our Savior gave up Heaven to be sent to earth for our redemption, sent on a mission from all the glory of Heaven.

We see then that the great object of church organization is to preach the gospel to every creature, this obligation binds on every member as God shall prosper them; we therefore recommend that our ministers and deacons speak often to their members on this vast subject that there may be a hearty response from all, that all may enjoy the grace of giving; for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Respectfully submitted,

C S. PELHAM.

REPORT OF C S PELHAM.

APPENDIX E.—Since the Association of 1895, I have labored in the best way that I could from house to house. With the poor, the halt, the maimed and the blind, comforting them, and consoling them the best that I could, having visited thirty-five churches where I rendered services, and held services in one hundred and twenty-two different families, making glad the hearts of many. Have traveled twenty-one hundred miles, preached one hundred and seven sermons, held two hundred and eighty-six devotional services, delivered three hundred and fifty-five admonitions and exhortations. Also made seven hundred and forty-three family visits, visited ninety-one sick persons, engaged in the work, two hundred and thirty days. I believe that the Good Lord has blessed my labors, though done in much weakness. May the God of Heaven bless and carry on the good cause of His kingdom.

Your willing and obedient servant,

C S PELHAM.

P S—I have sold over 200 books, consisting mostly of Bibles and Testaments, several copies, Grace Truman, Theodocia Ernest.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME.

APPENDIX F.—To the Newton Baptist Association in session with the church at Ozark, Ala.

We, your committee on the Orphans' Home, beg leave to submit the following as our report.

The Baptist Orphanage was permanently located at Evergreen, Ala., two years ago last November, and the property purchased at a cost of five thousand dollars. The debt has all been paid, and this valuable property is now free from encumberance. It consists of eighty acres of land lying on Main street, of which thirty acres are in farm, thirty in the woods and twenty in pasture. All has been enclosed with substantial woven wire, and a commodious barn has been arranged.

In that Home has been received 29 boys and 31 girls; and out of it has gone, by adoption 10 boys and 14 girls; by apprenticeship 2 boys. They do not apprentice girls, and only apprentice boys in exceptional cases.

The children attend the Agricultural School, and most of them are doing well. They all attend Sunday School and church, and are under firm, steady loving control in the Orphanage, 8 of them have been baptized. From the best information we can obtain, they have more applications to take children than they can approve for want of room. They are in pressing need of a cook room, a laundry room and a dining room.

Since the terrible scourge of the measles through which they have just passed, they find that they are greatly in need of a sick room. Will not the friends of the institution provide the means for the addition of these much needed appliances? Brethren, shall we undertake to make these much needed additions?

The Lord has said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord." "Blessed is he that considereth the poor." "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shall find it after many days."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B T. Jones,
W H Simmons,
Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER—Appendix G.

Amount on hand from 1894–5			$5.93
Total cash received 1895			118.12
			124.05
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Amount for Minutes	31.60		
Amount paid Bro Pelham	89.81	(per voucher)	121,41
	121.41	Cash on hand	2.64
Total			124.05

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W H Simmons,
Treasurer.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Appendix H.—We your committee on Finance offer the following report. We find in cash and vouchers the following amount for the following purposes.

For State Missions	$96.53
For Home Missions	33.69
Eor Foreign Missions	61.98
Bible and Colportage for C S Pelham	111.56
Ministerial Education	112.00
Minutes	31.40
Associational purposes	2.50
Orphans' Home	100.75
Balance on hand in the Treasury	2.64
	553.05

We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find it correct.

J F Pouncey, Chairman.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE NEWTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 1. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that He has made himself known to his people, under the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and equal in Divine perfection. Exodus 20, 3 ; Isaiah 9, 6, and 46, 9 ; Matthew 28, 19 ; Mark 12, 32 ; John 1, 1–4 ; and 5, 28 and 10, 30 ; 1 John 5, 7.

ART. 2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice, 2 Samuel 23, 2 ; Acts 1, 15 ; 2 Timothy 3, 16, 17 ; 2 Peter 1, 21.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election ; that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world ; that they should be holy and without blame before him in love ; having predestinated them to the adoption of children, by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, Matthew 20, 16, 24 and 32 ; John 13, 18, and 15, 16–19 ; Acts 13, 48 ; Roman 8, 28, 29, and 9, 10 16 ; and 11, 5 ; Ephesians 1; 4, 11 ; 1 Thessalonians 1, 4 ; 2 Thessalonians 2, 13, 1 Peter 1, 2.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, Genesis 6, 5 ; Psalms 5, 9 ; Ecclesiastes 8, 11 ; Romans 6, 20 and 7, 18 and 8, 8 ; 1 Corinthians 2, 14 ; 2 Corinthians 5, 11 ; Ephesians 2, 1–3 ; Col. 2, 13.

ART. 5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability, John 6, 44, 45, Roman 11, 6 ; Ephesians 2, 8 9.

ART. 6. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ, Isaiah 5 7, 8. Acts 4, 11, 12 ; Romans 3, 21, 36 and 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

ART. 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, John 6, 63 and 16, 13, 14 ; 1 Corinthian 2, 10–12 ; 2 Corinthian 1, 10 12, Ephesians 2, 1–10 ; 2 Timothy 1, 9 ; Titus 3, 4–7.

ART. 8. We believe that nothing can separate the true believer from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, John 6, 37 ; 10, 27–30 ; 13, 1 17, 28 ; Phillippians 1, 6 ; Hebrew 6, 17, 18 ; 1 Peter 1, 5.

ART. 9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinancesof Jesus Christ, that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and that immersion only is baptism, Matthew 3, 4–12 ; Mark 3, 5 ; Luke 3, 7 ; Acts 2, 28–42 ; John 3. 23, Roman 6, 3, 4, Collossians 2, 12 ; Peter 3, 21 ; Acts 18, 8.

ART. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, Job, 19, 26, 27 ; Daniel 12, 2 ; Hos. 13, 14 ; Mark 12, 24 27 ; 1 Corinthian 15 chapter 2, Corinthian 5, 10.

ART. 11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal, Matthew 25, 46 ; 2 Thessalonians 1, 9 ; Daniel 12, 2. Mark 9, 45–44 ; Luke 3, 17 ; 16, 26, John 3, 36 ; 2 Thessalonians 1, 7–9 ; Revelation 14, 8–11.

ART. 12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, unless he is called of God. and comes under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member, Isaiah 62, 6 ; Mal. 2, 7 ; Acts 14, 23 ; Romans 12, 6, 7 ; I Corinthian 1, 1 ; 2 Corinthian 5, 18 ; Collossians 4, 17 ; 1 Timothy 1, 12 ; Ephesians 4, 11–13.

Churches.	County.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Clerks.	Post Office.	No Last Report	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Experience	Restored	Dis by Letter	Excluded	Died	Membership Present
Bethel,	Dale,	J G Canant,	Watford,	W R Dowling.	Newton,	36	13	3		2			1	53
Cedar Grove,	Dale,	J G Canant,				63	2	6						
Chalk Head,	Dale,	R Herring,	Midland City,	T J Parker,	Ewell,	63	2	6		3	13			58
Charlton,	Dale,	W W Paulkner,	Charlton,	R E Dean;	Charlton,	149	1	3			4	5		144
Daleville,	Dale,	B T Jones,	Newton,	W E Mullins,	Daleville,	138	7	7			10		1	141
Enon,	Henry,	J T Barnes,	Newville,	A J Beverett,	Art,	18		5	14	1	2			36
Elam,	Barbour,	J A Phillips,	Elamville,	T P Phillips,	Elamville,		12	5			6			89
Midland City.	Dale,	J M Poyner,	Newton,	H C Copeland	Midland City,		3			2				41
Mt. Pisgah,	Dale,	J T Barnes,	Newville,	A M Halsead	Echo,		20	2		5	3	2		81
Mt. Zion,	Pike,	D C Allen,	Brundidge,	J B Farmer,,	Tarantum,		14	6		1		22	1	108
New Hope,	Dale,	R B Arnold,	Clopton,	J E Grantham	Bertha,		11	7		1		1		138
Newton,	Dale,	A J Preston,	Abbeville,	C E Dunn,	Newton,	192		4	2	23		7	2	166
Penial,	Dale,	R B Arnold,	Clopton,	C C Mizell,	Clopton,		2	3	1	2		3		80
Pleasant Ridge,	Dale,	D D Allen,	Brundidge,	Ed Thomas,	Arguta,		1	1	1	5	18	5		182
Providence,	Dale,	P L Moseley,	Geneva,	D Thompson,	Clayhatchee,									137
Pleasant Hill,	Dale,	P M Callaway Jr	Newton,	S A Matthews	Ozark,		3	5		1	5	2		82
Pine Level,	Barbour,	R B Arnold,	Clopton,	J W Helms,	Louisville,		10	2		2	5	1	2	94
Salem,	Dale,	P M Callaway,	Newton.	W F Clements	Pinckard,		14	11	2	24	2	4	2	96
Spring Field,	Pike,	W W Faulkner,	Charlton,	R M Davis,	Tennille,	44		1		2	2	2		45
Spring Hill,	Barbour,	J W Phillips,	Elamville,	D W Tew,	Reeder's Mill,			2			7	2	1	53
Summer Hill,	Dale,	R Herring,	Midland City	Peter Peacock	Asbury,			2		2	5	2		25
Union,	Dale,	J W Dickinson,	Ozark,	B P Garner,	Ozark,	242	1	11				6	2	222

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Howard College	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible and Colporage	Minister'l Education	For C S Pelham	Asso'c'l purposes	Orphan's Home	Paid by Vouchers	Paid by Sunbeams	For Minutes
Bethel,												1.15
Cedar Grove,												1.25
Chalk Head,							1.00					80
Charlton,	17.00	5.50		5.00			8.00		5.00			2.15
Daleville,							6.33					1.35
Enon,												55
Elam,							1.63		90			1.55
Midland City.												1.10
Mt. Pisgah,							1.40					1.00
Mt. Zion,												1.75
New Hope,							3-00					1.00
Newton,		55.32	20.63	26.87		98.00	10.00		56.62			1.50
Penial,												2 00
Pleasant Ridge,												1.75
Providence,			3.40				15.00		9.40			1.50
Pleasant Hill,							1.05					1.25
Pine Level,												1.50
Salem,							45					1.50
Spring Field,												1.50
Spring Hill,												1.25
Summer Hill,												1:00
Union,	142.40	22.50	9.00	20 75		5.00	14.85		24.33		100	3.00
Total	159.40	83.52	33.03	52.62		103.00	2 71		96.45		100	32.60